



# **Westholme Senior School**

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## **Required for January 2019 Teacher of Computer Science**

Westholme School, established in 1923, is a successful, co-educational, independent school located on the rural outskirts of Blackburn. The school is based across 3 sites, providing a first class education to around 800 pupils, aged 3 months - 18 years.

The School is well resourced and facilities across the entire campus are extensive and stimulating, as a result of the Governors' wise investment plan. Over the last decade over £10M has been spent on capital projects and our students benefit from the all-encompassing provision.

At Westholme we pride ourselves on our holistic approach to education where boys and girls are encouraged to fulfil their potential in all aspects of the curriculum and beyond. Hard work and endeavour are recognised and valued as highly as attainment and our positive approach to teaching and learning is underpinned by a supportive pastoral system. A fully rounded education is endorsed at all ages and staff give their time generously to provide an extensive range of activities, clubs, societies and trips which enriches provision for every pupil. Academic achievement is well above the national average at GCSE and A Level and the curriculum is broad and diverse. The website provides a comprehensive insight into our diverse choice of extracurricular opportunities and multiple achievements.

### **The Post**

We seek a well-qualified, dedicated and inspirational graduate to be responsible for teaching Computing and Computer Science across all age ranges. The subject sits within the Maths Faculty and the successful candidate will join a friendly and supportive team of six full-time teaching staff. A willingness to be involved in extracurricular activities such as competitions and educational visits is essential, and other interests which are particular strengths of the successful candidate would also be welcome.

There is a possibility the post could be part-time (0.8 FTE) and we would welcome applicants who would prefer a part-time role.

Consideration for the right candidate would be given for an April start.

### **Introduction to the Subject**

Computing is taught as a compulsory subject in Key Stage 3, currently with one 45-minute lesson per class per week. The subject is popular at GCSE with both boys and girls and is offered at A Level if

there is sufficient interest. There may be the opportunity to teach in the Primary phase as well, depending on timetable commitments.

The subject is well equipped and resourced and comprises three specialist IT rooms as well as having access to resources including iPads and a 3D printer.

## Job Description

**Reports to:** Head of the Maths and Computing Faculty

**Accountable to:** Principal

**Salary:** Westholme scale (at the corresponding mainscale point)

**Purpose of Job:** To work within the Maths and Computing Faculty on all matters of teaching and learning with a particular focus on Computing and Computer Science.

In addition to the requirements of a class teacher, the **main activities and responsibilities** for this post are:

- To develop Computing within the faculty at all Key Stages.
- To develop and support extracurricular opportunities for students within the faculty, including leading or partaking in trips and other visits when required.
- To have an enthusiasm for the subject, which motivates and supports students and encourages a shared understanding of the contribution the subject can make to all aspects of the students' lives.
- To use relevant school, local and national data to inform targets for development and further improvement of individuals and groups of students that you teach.
- To attend meetings as directed.
- To maintain efficient and effective organisation of the Computing resources and classrooms.
- To maintain efficient management and organisation of learning resources.
- To promote the safe use of ICT and support the well-being of students across the curriculum eg. through contribution to PHSE lessons.

	<b>ESSENTIAL</b>	<b>DESIRABLE</b>
<b>PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree (honours) in Computer Science or a related subject.</li> <li>• Qualified teacher status.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further qualifications.</li> <li>• Recent training relating to subject teaching.</li> </ul>
<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An up-to-date knowledge of the KS3 and GCSE Computing curriculum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge of the A Level Computing curriculum.</li> </ul>
<b>TEACHING AND LEARNING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent experience of teaching at KS3 and GCSE.</li> <li>• The ability to monitor, evaluate and improve learning in the classroom.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent experience of teaching A Level.</li> <li>• Experience of teaching in KS2.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up-to-date knowledge of teaching methodology.</li> </ul>	
<b>SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A high level of commitment and enthusiasm for the faculty.</li> <li>• Effective time management and personal organisational skills.</li> <li>• To be involved in extracurricular activities.</li> <li>• A willingness to contribute to schemes of work.</li> <li>• A willingness to promote Computing in school life.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Well-developed skills for the classroom.</li> </ul>

## **Employment Conditions and Remuneration**

Westholme salary scale equates to the old National scales (although no longer published) and staff join it at a point relevant to their length of service or recognised experience elsewhere. We expect that the professional responsibilities of all teaching staff here include the following:

- i) The kind of preparation and marking necessary to maintain high academic standards
- ii) Involvement in regular co-curricular activities, including those which take place out of normal school hours and at weekends
- iii) Pro rata supervision/cover duties
- iv) A commitment to upholding the general ethos of the school

The Governors provide all lunches, tea, coffee etc and other amenities free of charge.

Applications using the school form should be sent to the Principal by **12 noon, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. Interviews will be held between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Applicants who have heard nothing by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October should assume they have been unsuccessful.

Applicants who may wish for further details can telephone the Deputy Head (Academic) Miss Francine Smith, on the school number for an informal discussion.

Westholme School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and all staff must share this commitment – please refer to our Safer Recruitment and Safeguarding policies on the website.

Westholme School is committed to equality of opportunity in all areas of its work. All individuals will be treated in a fair and equal manner and in accordance with the law regardless of gender, marital status, race, religion, colour, age, disability or sexual orientation.